

- Class Picture Taken
- F.F.A. Hold Meeting
- Mother-Daughter Tea
- Band At Redwood

FFA Enters State Meet This Week

Future Farmers at a meeting last Tuesday evening, discussed plans for their state convention, elected delegates to it, accepted a new honor system for the awarding of honor letters, and appointed committees for the annual picnic which will be held during the final week of school.

Donald Hippert and Orlin Mack were elected as delegates to the state FFA convention.

Letters will be awarded to all FFA members who were members of district teams which were eligible to enter the state contest. The awards will be made at some future date.

Dennis Schroeder, Warren Hippert, and George Erickson are members of a committee which will select the site of this year's picnic.

"Good! We're going to have our pictures took!"

The senior girls put their ribbons neatly in their hair, and the boys also slicked themselves a bit for the big event on April 25. The class gathered on the south side of the auditorium and then "watched the birdie." Of course, it didn't go that fast because it was a long and tedious task for the photographer. Have you ever seen a group of seniors sit or stand still? No, neither have we. All in all though, the pictures turned out exceptionally well, and many of the victims bought a picture as a remembrance of their good old alma mater.

Miss Fisher discussed with the girls belonging to the Fri-Le-Ta the Mother-Daughter Tea to be given the evening of May 20. A hike to Herman's Heights and a picnic thereafter was proposed, and it was decided that Saturday, May 11 should be the date.

The program consisted of vocal solos by Andrea Walsh who sang "In the Time of Roses" and Harriet Nally who sang "Ma! He's Makin' Eyes at Me." The program was concluded by the reading of the will and prophecy of the senior girls belonging to the Fri-Le-Ta by Dorothy Schleuder and Carlyn Case.

Several members of the New Ulm High School band journeyed to Redwood Falls last Saturday where they took part in a mass concert which included 550 members. Comment was given the band by Critic R. J. Nervig, Instructor of Music at Jefferson High School in Minneapolis.

Some twenty agriculture and FFA students and their instructor, W. J. Dahlmeier, are planning to attend the annual state Future Farmer convention this week on May 10-11 at the University Farm in St. Paul.

Teams from New Ulm high school will be entered in the following divisions: poultry, crops judging and identification, dairy achievement, general livestock, and chapter-conducting. Cities were allowed to enter teams only after they had survived district elimination contests earlier this year.

Two members were elected as delegates to the state convention which will hold three sessions during the contests. They are Donald Hippert and Orlin Mack.

Donald Schroeder and Otto Ruemke have had their applications accepted by the state FFA band, and they will attend the band meetings at the conclave. This band will play at the Minnesota State Fair and at the National FFA convention next fall at Kansas City, Missouri. The two local boys will be present at both meets.

Four local boys have also applied for the degree of State Farmer, which is a very much coveted position. The boys who met qualifications were Wilmar Meyer, Wallace Melzer, Elden LeBert and Donald Geisler. These awards will be announced at [Continued on Page 4]

Are You An Amateur?

Major Bowes Troupe Appears

Have you ever wanted to be on Major Bowes' amateur program some Thursday night? Have you ever wondered what kind of life is led by a vaudeville troupe?

Your roving reporter, last week, found himself interviewing several members of the Major Bowes "1939 Winners" unit which appeared locally at the New Ulm Theater, and found that they are some of the most interesting people whom he has met.

Many of the actors come from the New York metropolitan area, but this particular unit, one of five which the Major has on the road, was composed of people from all over the country. The 1939 Prize Winners unit has toured for seven months all over the continent, from Dallas to San Diego, and as far north as Vancouver and British Columbia.

Ralph Brueske Plays Lead In "Our Town"

Radios, Comic Books,
Visitors Are Diversions
For Two Patients

"Nurse, can you tell me where Jack Rolwes' room is? What room is Eddie Eggers in?" These two questions the nurses at the Union Hospital take for granted when they see high school students approaching the desk. Some of the more bashful students don't ask, but trust to luck to find the two rooms. Every other patient along that particular hall sees a face peer into his room every now and then.

Two weeks ago students trekked south to see Jack, but at the end of the week they were able to make a double call, as Eddie Eggers, in the meantime, fell off the porch and fractured his arm very seriously.

Even though we won't see Jack out for football and Eddie leaping the hurdles for some time, their bones are healing together gradually. They threaten at some future date, to have a Ben Hur chariot race down the corridor, the only difference being in the vehicles used.

Jack has a little green book into which go the names of [Continued on Page 2]

May 9 Date Set
For Final Play
By Class of 1940

More than forty members of the senior class, after weeks of preparation, are awaiting the dimming of the house lights and the opening lines of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" which is the class play being presented Thursday evening, May 9, in the high school auditorium.

When the lights do dim and various stage lights blend into the scene, spectators will see only the bare stage which greeted them as they walked in, with the addition of a few properties such as a table and a few chairs. Then Ralph Brueske, playing the part of the Stage Manager, will start the play by telling where "our town" is.

"Our Town" then proceeds to show the simple life led by ordinary people during the first decade of the twentieth century, from the time when they were children until they become married, have families, and die.

It is the story of the Gibbs and Webb families. Dr. Gibbs is a small-town doctor, and Mr. Webb, the newspaper editor. The Gibbs boy and the Webb girl fall in love and are married. Several scenes portray their life. The final act depicts the burying of Emily Webb and her discovery that people really do not live their lives while they are on this earth.

No hand properties whatever are used in the play, which permits the spectator to let his imagination build the scene for him in this deeply dramatic production.

CALENDAR

- May 9 "Our Town"
- May 11 District Track Meet
- May 17 Junior-Senior Prom
- May 20 Mother-Daughter Tea Fri-Le-Ta Club
- May 22 Faculty Dinner
- May 23 Senior Skip Day Program, 8:30 A. M.
- May 24 Senior Return Dance, Formal
- May 24, '27, 28, Examinations
- May 29 Commencement Exercises
- May 30 Memorial Day
- May 31 School Closes

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Sunday, May 12...

"Ask the man who owns one."
Yes, it is a peculiar way to start an
editorial, it should probably be re-
stated to read "Ask the man who has
one."

Sunday, May 1, we again
celebrate Mothers' Day. That
means a gift from the family
and a trip to the movies or
some delightful party; but,
nine chances out of ten, your
sons and daughters will get out
of bed about ten or eleven
o'clock that same Sunday; and
you'll be late for breakfast,
then into the living-room to
catch up on the latest exploits
of Dick Tracy and Blondie
while Mother washes your
breakfast dishes.

But that isn't all; when the break-
fast dishes are done, Mother starts
dinner; and after that, more dishes.
Still no sign of those sons and daugh-
ters; for as soon as dinner has been
finished, there is a blaring of an auto-
mobile horn out in front, and ye
American youth is off for the after-
noon. Oh, without a doubt, he will
turn up just in time for lunch in the
evening.

Yes, it's Mother's Day all
right, with still more dishes,
and if it were a week-day, she'd
have to bring out some sew-
ing so that Sue will have a
pair of stockings for this even-
ing's party, and so that Junior
will have his best shirt with a
complete set of buttons (or
that date with the new girl at
school.

It seems to be Mother's Day every
day, when we stop to think about it.
And Mother celebrates her special day
every May by washing dishes and mak-
ing meals, just as she does on every
other day of the year.

Perhaps we should change its title
to Children's Day so that they would
have these chores to do and Mother
would have a day off.

But that isn't the purpose.



It seems that a lot of talent is go-
ing to waste around Hadimiac; Don
Veigel has a beautiful baritone boop
barging forth from his larynx [voice
box to you.] We heard he made
quite a hit with his vocal solo at
Springfield with Fosters' favorite mel-
ody "Jeannie with the
Light Brown Hair." 'Tis rumored
that a Miss Robertson's name "slip-
ped" several times, but what's that
among friends?

This review work is driving us
bugs—why didn't we start studying
at the beginning of the year so there
would be less work now?
Thought for the day.

Miss Dorothy Stuebe, blonde from
way back when, was introduced to
Major Bowes tap dancer as a talent
contest winner en-route to Hollywood.
[The funny part about it was that he
believed her.] Mustav' looked con-
vincingly at him!

Robert Kurth delights in carrying
Gloriafay's books home for her. We
discovered that last night.

Chuck Swenson cannot convince
Leola Havemeier that a stage kiss
looks too unreal. Perhaps the cast
of "Our Town" has taken over now,
and whispers of kiss her . . . kiss
her . . . are quite prevalent after the
wedding scene. Will he take the hint?
Who knows.

What did we hear about Otto
Ruemke pouring strawberry pop over
his hamburger in place of ketchup?
. No remarks.

If the boys around school don't ask
the girls for prom dates P. D. Q.,
the girls are going to take advantage
of leap year and turn the reception
into a Sadie Hawkins Day. . . . Don't
say we didn't warn you!

This is the day set aside when
the mothers of our country
are to be given a rest from
their work; and it probably
wouldn't be a bad idea if some
of us stopped for a minute to
think of all of the things our
mothers have gone through for
us. Then we would be glad to
do these things for Mother
once a year.

It is the boys and girls, the young
men and young women who have lost
their mothers who really can ap-
preciate what Mother has done for
them. They know what it means not
to have their mother there to call
them from bed in the morning, make
their meals, keep their clothes in fine
shape, and do the hundred and one
other things. Those of us who do
have our mothers should learn to ap-
preciate them and think of them a
little more than just as the person
who does all of the things at home
which we don't care to do.

Yes, "Ask the man who doesn't
have a mother."

**Young Tarzans
Developing In
Biology Class**

Take one car, Mr. Christison, six
or seven biology enthusiasts, prefer-
ably girls, and you'll have all the
material necessary for a field trip.
For the past several weeks, the mem-
bers of the nature study club have
spent their Saturday afternoons out
wondering about the wonders of nature.
Incidentally, we hear they had quite
an interesting time observing the low-
ly betrachians [frogs to you.]

Besides identifying birds and trees,
it is said some of the girls have taken
quite a fancy to grapevines, particu-
larly swinging ones—you know the type
attached to the branches of trees. You
take a run, and presto, you go swing-
ing into space! Too bad one of the
Tarzans forgot to hang on and fell
with the greatest of ease. Oh, it was
a matter of only ten feet.

Who knows, there may be several
naturalists or biology teachers develop-
ed through these afternoon excursions.

Two Patients

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all his visitors. The book re-
sembles a social register and
presents a variety o. hand writ-
ings. What a find for a hand-
writing analyst!

It seems that comic books
are the favorite reading mater-
ial of both boys, 'or each has a
stack big enough to supply a
news stand.

From 6 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock
p. m. two little radios keep bring-
ing in the day's programs. Jack's radio
was given to him two weeks ago by
members of the junior class and others
who wished to help him while the
time away.

Evening visitors seem to be in the
majority, there being only one disad-
vantage. Visiting hours halt at 8:30.



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Track highlighted New Ulm High school sports during the weekend as the Eagles entertained Gaylord and Springfield in the first home track meet of the season.

Entered in the triangular meet for New Ulm were Delmar Schapekahn, senior, 190-pounds of muscle and bone who took over for New Ulm in the shot put, discus, and the 880 yards and was a candidate for the relay running.

Eddie Eggers, who was to have been New Ulm's only mainstay in hurdling, was out of competition with the compound fracture of his left arm.

Jim Gerber was counted on for heavy duty in the 100-yard dash, high jumping and broad jumping, while Vernon Arndt again was sent into the dashes—100-yard and 220-yard—and also in the broad jump and relay running.

Earl Lund was entered in pole vaulting and discus work. "Buzz" Evans and Bob Gislason, two under-classmen, got their first chance when they were entered in hurdling.

David Groebner, husky, bemused freshman member of the gym team was entered in shot put, and Donald Wolf and Richard Engel were entered in running. Norman Wolf's position in the meet had not been determined by the Eagle coach at the time of this writing.

At the time the Graphos went to press, results of the track meet were not available.

Delmar Schapekahn won first place in discus, third place in shot put and ran in the half-mile race at Blue Earth, April 27.

Vernon Arndt won his first heat in the 100-yard dash, took third in the second heat and entered the finals. Harry Kennedy was entered in the 100-yard dash.

New Ulm, with only three entrants, finished sixth out of 12 teams entered.

Tennis Team Taking Form Rapidly Now

Tennis is flourishing in New Ulm High school as it never has before, and Coach Ray Bassett already has a long list of players who will enter a tennis tournament for high school students if it is to be run off.

A match may be arranged with a St. James team in the near future, an innovation in itself for New Ulm students. Ray Bassett will be in charge of all tennis work but did not promise coaching to all boys on the team.

The date of the tennis tournament has not been set, but Coach Bassett indicated that one will be held.

Gym Classes Present Two May Programs

In observation of National Boys and Girls Week, two big physical education shows were staged at the high school gymnasium on May 1 and 3. Approximately 1,100 pupils participated in the exhibition.

The annual demonstration staged by the physical education department has become an event which is looked forward to with great interest. The high school show last Friday evening was no exception.

Diversified activities composed the first boys' number. Included were tumbling, high jumping, and loop tennis. Marching drills by grade 8, stretching drills by grades 9 and 10, and mass rhythm work by the senior high school girls formed another interesting portion of the program.

A sport not so well known is fencing. The agility of members of the fencing club was shown in an exhibition of the techniques of that game.

Pyramid building by both boys and girls brought forth favorable comment. Tumbling, tap dancing, and modern dance executed by the girls' classes, and stretching and marching by the boys groups' completed the general exhibition.

Since no gym show is complete without clown-work, a comedy-tumbling act was put on by a group of senior high school girls.

After an exhibition of strength and skill by the gym squad, the evening was climaxed by a short pageant, "The Passing of the Red Man."

"National Child Health Day" was observed on Wednesday when almost 500 elementary pupils from the Washington, Emerson, Lincoln and Franklin schools presented a series of demonstrations. The first two grades put on a number of stunts and singing games and grades three and four did folk dancing and relays.

More active games, such as Last Couple Out, were demonstrated by grades five and six, while more advanced marching drills, tumbling, vaulting, and pyramid building completed the program of grades seven and eight.

Robert Plagens Is Winner Of Essay Contest

Robert Plagens was very much surprised to receive a letter from the Hospital Association which informed him that he was the winner of the essay contest on "What We Can Do To Better Our Hospitals." He will receive ten dollars in cash when he goes to St. Paul May 7, where he will read his essay over station WMIN at 1:05 p. m.

Golfers Take Fairways To Bash Pill

FIVE JOURNEY TO
INITIAL MATCH
AT WINTHROP

Inter-scholastic golfing is another innovation in spring sports for New Ulm High School.

Saturday, five boys accompanied by Athletic Director Thomas P. Pfaender, traveled to Winthrop to play a Winthrop High School team at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The boys making the trip were Dick O'Malley, Jack Gruenenfelder Jim Yost, Wayne Dannheim and Huntley Prael, all of them likely candidates for top positions in the city's golf matches in the years to come.

Mr. Pfaender also indicated that other matches may be arranged if there is sufficient demand for them although none have been scheduled at the present time.

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Prom Or No Prom? Seniors Doubt It

Now that prom time is rapidly approaching, the seniors are beginning to worry about what kind of super-entertainment the juniors are cooking up in their fertile minds.

It's been intimated that the theme will be "Brain Storm." You could expect that from people who are always talking about something they are not in possession of.

Speaking from the girls' standpoint, it certainly is hoped that the corsages [new word] will be forthcoming to adorn the N. U. H. S. beauties. Now boys, no cracks!

The most important thing—the food—just better be good! Look what marvelous grub the class of '40 put out last year. And don't forget that romantic Hawaiian setting that took so many of our precious hours. This is just a subtle hint to the juniors: it better be good!

Of course, far superior will be the formal senior return dance. Or didn't you know that Ralph Slade, the "Sweetest Band in Iowaland," of radio fame, is furnishing the music. We have a contract to prove it. [So there too].

It seems that a lot of the boys are going to "stag" it. Have you fellows thought about the girls that are not going just because they haven't got a "date" to escort them? Think it over, won't you?

Two Doubtful Seniors—

Major Bowes

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upon them. Besides checkers, darts and softball, there are other recreations which the company enjoys. They all showed great interest in sports and cross-interviewed the reporter as to local sports.

100 Auditions Daily in New York

If you want to get on the Major Bowes radio show you must first receive an audition from the New York office. After you have been auditioned by two or three officials and been passed the Major hears your act and makes the final decision. An average of 100 acts are handled daily by this office and according to Bob Caver, a member of the Rigoletto trio, "We were in the offices from ten o'clock in the morning until six that night until we had been auditioned."

George Bell, who is the working part of a musical novelty act, said he took his last year's salary to buy seats for the standing army—which all goes to prove that the troupe was one big [happy?] family. Carl Playford, one of the Harmonica Wizards asked that "happy" be left out because all families do have their squabbles.

Under the direction of Bob Plagens Mr. Hoefs' activity group are working on their program. They intend to present "The Bishop's Candlesticks."

Musical And Drama Groups In Exchanges

"It Might Happen Here" and "By Special Request," two rollicking one-act plays, were presented as an exchange program at Springfield High School, April 30. A group of seniors presented the first play, and the other was given by several sophomores. These plays were considered the outstanding performances in the Friday morning activity groups programs.

Bob Walsh, Don Veigel, Arno Wandersee, Joe Schmid, and Dick Schneider were the seniors; and James Yost, Garnet Stoltenberg, Harriet Woebke, Andrea Walsh, Mary Marti, and Geraldine Veigel, the sophomores who participated.

As an added attraction the "Royal Gophers," a group of "super-swing" seniors, who made their debut at the amateur night program, played several popular selections.

On Wednesday the band played a return concert at Sleepy Eye whose band played at a local assembly program on Friday, April 26.

Rural Students Visit Local Education Plant

Some one hundred rural school students, representing seventh and eighth grades from the New Ulm vicinity, attended Rural Visitation Day, Friday, May 3, at New Ulm High School.

The purpose of the program was to better acquaint rural school children of high school age with the various scholastic programs and excellent facilities offered by New Ulm High.

From one to two o'clock on Friday afternoon, guides conducted an inspection tour of the education plant for the rural students. Following this Mr. Pfaender and Miss Schaub conducted a play period for the visiting pupils.

The high school band and visual education departments completed the final portion of the program from 2-4 with a concert and movies.

Behind Closed Doors

Posters by the dozens have been issued by the art class. It began with the senior class play, then National Hospital Week, and then Safety Week. That waxey smell that everyone has been inquiring about is caused by the batik wall hangings and neckerchiefs that are being made. The freshmen are busy sewing spring clothes which will be entered in Pink's clothing contest on May 10. Their skill in sewing will be proved after this date. The seventh grade are making gifts for their mothers for Mother's Day.

FFA Meet

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the state banquet on Friday evening, May 10. The New Ulm chapter is fortunate in already having five State Farmers.

Some of the group plan to leave for the convention on Thursday evening and the remainder on Friday morning. Judging contests begin at 10 A. M. Friday, with the chapter-conducting on Friday afternoon.

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